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SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND

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1. GOI HAS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF PASQUALE RICCIULLI, VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND. RICCIULLI EXPECTS TO ASSUME NEW DUTIES AROUND END OF APRIL.

2. BORN IN MILAN IN 1914, RICCIULLI RECEIVED LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF MILAN IN 1936 AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEGREE FROM CESARE ALFIERI INSTITUTE IN FLORENCE IN 1937. APPARENTLY FOLLOWING ARMY SERVICE, RICCIULLI ENTERED FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1948, SERVING SUCCESSIVELY IN ROME, BASEL, BONN, TOKYO, ROME (HEAD OF MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARIAT), AND LONDON (MINISTER-COUNSELOR), BEFORE RETURNING TO ROME TO TAKE UP HIS PRESENT DUTIES IN 1972. RICCIULLI REACHED PRESENT RANK OF MINISTER FIRST CLASS IN 1969.

3. RUCCIULLI, WHO IS MARRIED, SPEAKS REASONABLY GOOD ENGLISH.

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4. RICCIULLI HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO EMBASSY FOR WELL OVER A YEAR THAT HE EXPECTED AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT; APPARENTLY HE WAS PASSED OVER SEVERAL TIMES AS GROUPS OF SUCH APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. IN ADDITION, RICCIULLI SEEMS TO HAVE HOPED TO SUCCEED CESARE GUAZZARONI AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WHEN LATTER

RETIRED IN MID-1976. ACCORDING TO RICCIULLI, IRELAND WAS NOT HIS FIRST CHOICE, BUT HE ACCEPTED WILLINGLY BECAUSE OF HIS FOND MEMORIES OF LONG TOUR IN NEAR-BY LONDON (1962-72).

5. IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE EMBASSY, RICCIULLI WAS AT ALL TIMES FRIENDLY AND SOUGHT TO BE HELPFUL. HE IS CLEARLY WELL-DISPOSED TO U.S. AND TO AMERICANS.

6. EMBASSY VIEWS RICCIULLI'S APPOINTMENT ESSENTIALLY AS REWARD FOR LONGEVITY AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. HE DID NOT APPEAR TO PLAY STRONG ROLE WITHIN HIS BUREAU AND DID NOT IMPRESS EMBASSY AS MAN OF PARTICULAR INTELLECT OR VIGOR. RATHER DOUBTFUL IN APPEARANCE, RICCIULLI IS SOFT-SPOKEN AND OPERATES IN LOW-KEY. GARDNER

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